

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Shinya KOBAYASHI et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 9491
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U.S. Application No.: 10/533,219	)	Group Art Unit: 2181
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Filed: February 27, 2006	)	Examiner: Richard B. Franklin
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For: A REMOVABLE DEVICE AND	)	
A CONTROL CIRCUIT (as amended)	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits in accordance with the Patent Prosecution Highway Program between the JPO and the USPTO, please amend the above-identified application as follows.